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Devils Postpile National Monument

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**To:** Commercial Vehicle Use and Tour Buses at Devils Postpile National Monument

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**Subject:** Notification of Implementation of 2009 Requirement for Application for Commercial Use Authorization for Tour Buses visiting Devils Postpile

This letter is to update you that existing regulations for commercial use on National Park Service Lands require a commercial use authorization. This will be implemented at Devils Postpile National Monument in field season 2009. The implementation of this policy is due to the emphasis on the importance of managing for safe use of the narrow steep roadway, and limited amount of parking at the Monument.

Your business will need to apply for a request for a Commercial Use Authorization, so that a determination can be made if the request can be safely accommodated. Your application will be evaluated as to the timing of the visit, the size of the vehicle, and the availability of traffic control staff to manage the road access. Times of high visitor use including holiday weekends generally will not allow for additional traffic on the road. Fees will be determined by the size of the vehicle, the number of vehicles, and the staff resources needed to safely accommodate the visit.

During the shuttle bus operating season from mid-June to Labor Day weekend, the shuttle bus system can provide a more cost effective and safer visit for your clients. Shuttle bus service runs from 7am to 7pm. This is a recommended option as the shuttle bus drivers have experience with the road and a communication system between buses.

This permit form may be requested by sending an email to [DEPO\\_Superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:DEPO_Superintendent@nps.gov), or sending a written request to P.O. 3999, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. Please submit this request at least a month prior to your planning of an event you request to take place at the Monument.

Thank you for your cooperation.